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STORAGE UNITS

LETTER CLAIMING RIGHT OF PRIORITY

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Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 USC 119 and 37 CFR 1.55, applicants hereby claim
the right of priority based on:

**Japanese Application No. 2004-031150
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A Certified copy of said application document is attached hereto.

Acknowledgement thereof is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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